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I. Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended): A fastening arrangement for an airbag module for motor vehicles, ~~of the type wherein~~ comprising a gas generator is being fastened by means of at least one stay bolt and a nut screwed thereupon, the bolt being fixed to the gas generator and penetrating through at least one hole of a retaining member that serves for mounting ~~the airbag module and fastening to~~ and fastening the airbag module the motor vehicle, the fastening arrangement comprising a shell formed from an electrical insulating resilient material having a shoulder surrounding the stay bolt and spacing the stay bolt from an edge of the hole, the shoulder having a radial projection engaging the hole and enabling the shell to be snap-fit through the hole and onto the retaining member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the shell is made of a plastic.

9. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 wherein a compound-impregnated cable connects said stay bolt to an electrically conducting part of the motor vehicle.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 further comprising the shell separating the gas generator from the retaining member.

12. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the shell is positioned such that the radial projection overlies a surface of the retaining member opposite the side of the retaining member facing the gas generator.

13. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the radial projection is hook-like having a slanted outer surface.

14. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 4 wherein the hook-like projection is resilient and locks onto the retaining member when pushed through the retaining member hole.

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15. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 further comprising a bushing for positioning between the retaining member and the nut.

16. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 5 wherein the radial projection forms a slanted outer surface and the bushing forms a slanted inner surface and the slanted surfaces conform with and match together.

17. (Previously Presented): A fastening arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the fastening arrangement mounts the airbag module to a seat structure of the motor vehicle.